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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court, 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone: (410) 234-0550.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; website: www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to make multiyear (2019-21 fishing years) Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations for spiny dogfish based on updated stock assessment information. The SSC will also review

their previous ABC recommendation for the 2019 and 2020 fishing years for *Illex* squid.

The SSC will also review possible changes to the stock assessment schedule and review

process for Mid-Atlantic and New England species as proposed by the Northeast

Regional Coordinating Council (NRCC). In addition, the SSC may take up any other

business as necessary.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the

Council's website (www.mafmc.org) prior to the meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign

language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders,

(302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 22, 2018.

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Office of Sustainable Fisheries,

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